

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments, see pages 17-19, filed 07/31/09, with respect to claims 1-32 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The 103(a) of claims 1-32 has been withdrawn.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Randi Issacs on 09/29/09.

The application has been amended as follows: The tile has been amended to the following: A method in a copying apparatus for controlling image orientation of a document.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1-32 are allowed.

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The present invention is directed towards adjusting the image orientation of a scanned document. Independent claims 1, 12, 17, and 28 identify the uniquely distinct features **inter alia** "a

control section and a forming step based on the plurality of conditions as recited in" the independent claims as stated in Page 18, lines 8-11. The prior art of record fails to anticipate or render the above underlined limitations obvious.

Dependent claims 2-11, 13-16, 18-27, and 29-32 are also allowed due to its dependency on the allowed base claims.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nicholas C. Pachol whose telephone number is 571-270-3433. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Thr, 8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. (EST), Fridays off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Twyler L. Haskins can be reached on 571-272-7406. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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